GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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RESTRICTING CHEAP IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impose temporary licensing on select items in view of cheap imports from various countries including China;

(b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government and other agencies monitor the volume of imports in view of the decline in commodity prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) Taking into account the surge in imports of certain items, the Government has restricted import of items classified under ITC(HS) Code Nos. 7208, 7304, 2803 00 10, 4011 20 10, 5402 47 00, 7326 90 99, 8483 10 99 and 8708 10 90 vide Notification Nos. 63 dated 21.11.2008 and 64 dated 24.11.2008.

The restrictions are applicable on imports from all countries.

The Government monitors import of certain sensitive items on monthly basis.